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(b) The material approved for incorporation by reference in this part, and the sections affected are:

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES, INC.  
12 Laboratory Drive, Research Triangle Park,  
NC 27709-3995

ANSI/UL 1196, Standard for Floating  
Waterlights, Second Edition March 23,  
1987. 161.010-2; 161.010-4

[CGD 85-208, 54 FR 27020, June 27, 1989, as  
amended by CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50467, Sept. 29,  
1995; CGD 96-041, 61 FR 50733, Sept. 27, 1996;  
CGD 97-057, 62 FR 51049, Sept. 30, 1997; USCG  
2001-10224, 66 FR 48620, Sept. 21, 2001]

### § 161.010-2 Design, construction, and test requirements.

Each floating electric waterlight  
shall meet the requirements of ANSI/  
UL 1196.

### § 161.010-3 Inspections and methods of test.

(a) Each inspection and test report  
required by this subpart shall comply  
with § 159.005-11 of this chapter.

(b) The U.S. Coast Guard reserves the  
right to make any inspection or test it  
deems necessary to determine the con-  
formance of the materials and equip-  
ment to this subpart.

(c) The facilities, materials, and  
labor for all tests shall be furnished at  
no cost to the U.S. Coast Guard.

### § 161.010-4 Procedure for approval.

(a) A request for approval of an auto-  
matic floating electric waterlight must  
be submitted to the Commanding Offi-  
cer, USCG Marine Safety Center, 400  
Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC  
20590-0001.

(b) All inspections and tests must be  
performed by an independent labora-  
tory which meets the requirements of  
§ 159.010-3 of this chapter. A list of inde-  
pendent laboratories accepted by the  
Coast Guard as meeting § 159.010-3 of  
this chapter may be obtained by con-  
tacting the Commanding Officer, USCG  
Marine Safety Center.

(c) Each request for approval must  
contain:

(1) The name and address of the ap-  
plicant,

(2) One copy of all plans and speci-  
fications that meet the requirements of  
§ 159.005-12 of this chapter,

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(3) A pre-approval sample of the  
waterlight,

(4) An inspection and test report  
verifying compliance with the con-  
struction and test requirements of  
ANSI/UL 1196, and

(5) A statement by the manufacturer  
certifying that the waterlight complies  
with the requirements of this subpart.

[CGD 85-208, 54 FR 27020, June 27, 1989, as  
amended by CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50467, Sept. 29,  
1995; CGD 96-041, 61 FR 50734, Sept. 27, 1996;  
USCG 2001-10224, 66 FR 48620, Sept. 21, 2001]

## Subpart 161.011—Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacons

### § 161.011-1 Purpose.

This subpart prescribes approval re-  
quirements for emergency position in-  
dicating radiobeacons (EPIRB).

[39 FR 10139, Mar. 18, 1974]

### § 161.011-5 Classes.

EPIRB's are classed as follows:

(a) Class A—an EPIRB that has been  
type approved or type accepted by the  
FCC as a Class A EPIRB. These  
EPIRB's are capable of floating free of  
a vessel and activating automatically  
if the vessel sinks.

(b) Class C—An EPIRB that has been  
type approved or type accepted by the  
FCC as a Class C EPIRB. These  
EPIRB's are manually activated and  
are not required to be Coast Guard ap-  
proved.

[39 FR 10139, Mar. 18, 1974, as amended by  
CGD 80-024, 49 FR 40409, Oct. 16, 1984]

### § 161.011-10 EPIRB approval.

(a) The Coast Guard approves the  
class of EPIRB's listed in § 161.011-5(a)  
of this subpart.

(b) An application for type approval  
or type acceptance of an EPIRB should  
be submitted to the FCC in accordance  
with Title 47 of the Code of Federal  
Regulations, Part 2. When requested by  
the FCC, the Coast Guard reviews the  
test results in the application that con-  
cern installation and automatic oper-  
ation (if required) of the EPIRB. The  
Coast Guard provides the results of the  
review to the manufacturer, and to the  
FCC for its use in acting upon the ap-  
plication.

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(c) Upon notification of the FCC type acceptance or type approval, the Commandant (G-MSE) issues a certificate of approval for the EPIRB.

[CGD 80-024, 49 FR 40409, Oct. 16, 1984, as amended by CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50467, Sept. 29, 1995; CGD 96-041, 61 FR 50734, Sept. 27, 1996]

### Subpart 161.012—Personal Flotation Device Lights

SOURCE: CGD 76-028, 44 FR 38785, July 2, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 161.012-1 Scope.

(a) This subpart prescribes construction and performance requirements, approval and production tests, and procedures for approving personal flotation device lights fitted on Coast Guard approved life preservers, bouyant vests, and other personal flotation devices.

(b) [Reserved]

#### § 161.012-3 Definitions.

(a) As used in this subpart, *PFD* means Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

(b) For the purpose of § 161.012-7, *storage life* means the amount of time after the date of manufacture of the power source of a light that the power source can be stored under typical marine environmental conditions on a vessel and still have sufficient power for the light to meet the requirements of § 161.012-9.

#### § 161.012-5 Approval procedures.

(a) An application for approval of a PFD light under this subpart must be sent to the Commandant (G-MSE), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

(b) Each application for approval must contain—(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) Two copies of plans showing the construction details of the light;

(3) A detailed description of the applicant's production testing program; and

(4) A laboratory test report containing the observations and results of approval testing.

(c) The Commandant advises the applicant whether the light is approved.

If the light is approved, an approval certificate is sent to the applicant.

[CGD 76-028, 44 FR 38785, July 2, 1979, as amended by CGD 88-070, 53 FR 34536, Sept. 7, 1988; CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50467, Sept. 29, 1995; CGD 96-041, 61 FR 50734, Sept. 27, 1996]

#### § 161.012-7 Construction.

(a) Each light must be designed to be attached to a PFD without damaging the PFD or interfering with its performance.

(b) Each light and its power source must be designed to be removed and replaced without causing damage to the PFD.

(c) The storage life of the power source of a light must be twice as long as the period between the date of manufacture and the expiration date of the power source.

(d) Each light, prior to activation, must be capable of preventing leakage from its container of any chemicals it contains or produces.

(e) Each component of a light must be designed to remain serviceable in a marine environment for at least as long as the storage life of the light's power source.

(f) No light may have a water pressure switch.

(g) Each light must be designed so that when attached to a PFD, its light beam, at a minimum, is visible in an arc of 180 degrees above or in front of the wearer.

(h) Each light, including its power source, must fit into a cylindrical space that is 150 mm (6 in.) long and 75 mm (3 in.) in diameter.

(i) Each light, including its power source, must not weigh more than 225g (8 oz.).

(j) Each light that is designed to operate while detached from a PFD must have a lanyard that can be used to connect it to the PFD. The lanyard must be at least 750 mm (30 in.) long.

(k) Each light designed to operate while detached from a PFD must be capable of floating in water with its light source at or above the surface of the water.